

Development Management – Delegated Officer Report

Application Number: AWDM/1458/25

Recommendation – APPROVE

Site: 5 Burnside Crescent, Sompting, BN15 9TN

Proposal: Extend the existing window opening in the north elevation to provide a wheelchair accessible door. Construct a platform and ramp to provide wheelchair access to and from the property.

Date of site visit: Assessment has been assisted using the Applicants plans; Earthlight mapping; and Google 3D of the site.

Neighbours checked: Y

Additional neighbour notifications: N

Site and Surroundings

The application site is located on the east side of the central 'island' within Burnside Crescent, and is a detached bungalow with a front porch and is positioned lengthwise on the plot. The bungalow has a rear extension and a detached garage close to the boundary with the neighbouring property no. 3.

The Crescent is characterised by bungalows, many of which have been extended in some form.

Proposal

The application proposes to:-

- Remove window on side (north) elevation;
- Replace with narrower window and full glazed door;
- Construct level platform outside of the door;
- Construct ramp from platform forward;
- Construct balustrading to the outside of the platform.

Relevant Planning History: None

Consultations: None

Representations: Sompting Parish Council: Support

Relevant Planning Policies

Adur Local Plan Policies 1, 15

Supplementary Planning Guidance comprising: Development Management Standard No. 2 'Extensions and Alterations to Dwellings

National Planning Policy Framework 2024

Planning Assessment

There is no objection in principle to the provision of the door, level platform and ramp with balustrading within the built-up area. The key considerations are the effects on the visual and residential amenities of the locality.

Visual & Residential Amenity

The proposed change from a window to a narrower window and door together with a level platform, ramp to the side elevation (north) of the bungalow, together with balustrading on the outside of the ramp, will be viewed from the street, however they will be providing an easier access into the house for someone with mobility issues, which is considered essential.

Whilst the ramp and balustrade will be viewed they do not materially compromise the visual amenities of the area, or result in a material loss of residential amenities for neighbouring properties.

Recommendation

APPROVE subject to Conditions:-

1. Approved plans
2. Standard time limit

Informative

- 1 Approved without amendment

Is recommendation contrary to letter(s) of representation? N

Case Officer: Eve Hearsey

Date: 09.01.2026

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